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The first of several planned building murals in South Dundas Township will go on front of the Upper Canada Playhouse in Morrisburg, with the support of the Morrisburg Lions Club. Starting on the east end of the building, the mural will depict scenes from old Morrisburg — Molson Bank, the Farlinger Block, the St. Lawrence Hotel, and the Meikle Block, which will wrap around the west end of the Playhouse. Pictured (l-r): Playhouse President Glenn Swerdfeger; mural project spearhead Glen Cunningham; and Morrisburg Lions Club member Earl Wood. *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen*

Fibre-optic network set to kickoff in mid-June

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

South Dundas Township's new fibre-optic utility is finally gearing up for an official debut in June, following technical and weather-related challenges earlier in the year that pushed the project's in-service date well past the New Year's goal originally set by organizers.

But in a sign of progress, nine customers in Morrisburg have been testing the system for the past few weeks and enjoying blazingly fast internet service. Potential customers in Iroquois will be able to join the test phase within days, once a wireless connection is established between both water towers, bringing Iroquois' half of the municipal fibre-optic cable system to life.

In a wide-ranging interview Thursday, South Dundas Communication Committee Chairman Roy Brister admitted the committee had initially hoped "probably a little naïvely" for a January startup. They are now aiming to hold the official ribbon cutting on June 15, he said.

The delays, he explained, resulted from a change of mind in choosing the electronic guts of the system, as well as the need for a wireless connection between Morrisburg, Iroquois and Williamsburg — a strategic change that resulted when the committee and Regional Cablesystems failed to come to terms on renting the cable TV provider's fibre-optic lines between the villages. The subsequent decision to tie the system together through wireless means then made completion of the project dependent on milder weather.

"I guess we assumed we would have another nice winter. But we got socked to death and that really gave us a lot of downtime," said Brister, who planned to personally climb to the top of the Morrisburg and Iroquois water towers to help with the installation this week. "Twenty to thirty working days were lost due to weather.

"And the other thing was the delay of the availability of the equipment," he added, speaking of the electronic heart of the system.

Morrisburg and Iroquois each have a roomful of Nortel equipment called a "central office" to control the flow of data over the network. That equipment has been installed in recent weeks — Iroquois' central hub is located in a room in the Civic Centre.

"We had a solution in hand, and then Nortel got involved," Brister continued, recalling that the fibre project caught the eye of the telecommunications giant last fall. "What happened was we had the other stock on the shelf, ready to put in, and then we decided to go Nortel for a number of reasons, some of them personal, some of them political. Nortel's big and successful, and they're from eastern Ontario and they employ a lot of people from

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President's Award to Lion Jackson

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club, home club to Lion George Jackson is proud as can be of their honoured member. When one member is recognized it looks good on the entire club. And Lion George, although shy about his efforts deserves to be honoured for his work over the years. Granted, he never sought or expected anything, the smiles of the children he helps are reward enough...but this and such honours are well deserved.

Lion George, a well known and respected gentleman in our community, has been awarded a Lions Club International President's Appreciation Award 2001.

Lion George got the call from Don Zogolo, District "A-4" Governor with the great news. He was in Honduras where he accomplishes a lot of good from his labours to assist the people here, especially the children.

Lion George has been successful and decided to share his success and experience with people very much less fortunate than himself in poorer parts of the world. George, with the support of his wife, Irma, and a local Board of Directors has constructed and supported the operation of a number of projects mostly centred in Honduras and Costa Rica. Projects with his stamp on them as it were, include a school with a teacher, a home for wayward children, a day care centre, a medical clinic and a hospital, a Street Children Help project, homes for youngsters in Costa Rica and a Children's project in Bangladesh. He has started businesses in third world

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Fire Department expansion approved

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Swank Construction crews will be swinging hammers and mixing mortar at the Iroquois Fire Department this summer, after South Dundas Council awarded tender for the expansion of department facilities on Thursday.

The department facilities will be approximately twice the size of their present dimensions, with the addition of two new vehicle bays, once construction is completed at the end of October.

A public call for tender was advertised in March. Four tenders were opened and made public on April 17. Swank's bid was lowest at $224,764. However, the cost approved at the April 26 council meeting reached $232,306 after council accepted an additional estimate the company was invited to provide after the first group of tenders had been opened.

The estimate came as a sealed letter, which was opened and discussed before proceeding to a vote on awarding contract. The estimate included upgrades that had been included in two of the competing tenders — an extra $4,700 for block walls and $2,842 for a heavier gauge of steel roof.

Combined, the total of those items and Swank's original tender resulted in a bid a few hundred dollars less than the next lowest $232,723 tender by Bruce Grant Construction, which did include cement block walls.

Swank's original bid was one of two that offered frame construction.

Members of the Fire Department, meanwhile, had a clear preference for cement blocks.

"I certainly prefer cement block walls," Iroquois Phillip Thompson.

Only Swank Construction had been approached to make an addendum to its tender, said Councillor Bill Ewing, "because they were the low bid."

The original tendering process used a technique known as "design build," which is meant to save the township the cost of engineering the building itself. Rather, the bidders agree to handle the engineering themselves.

This style of tendering leaves considerable leeway to the contractor in the choice of materials used.

According to Planner Don Lewis, it's supposed to work that way. "The whole purpose was to throw it out as a design-build," he said, " and two block buildings came back, and two frame buildings came back."

Swank's bid offered frame construction, as did the $239,000 bid from D.C. Snelling Limited of Prescott. Triple B Structures Ltd. of Williamsburg was the highest bidder at $249,850.

"Its too bad they didn't all bid on the same thing," commented Mayor Johnny Whitteker.

Ewing said construction was slated to begin sometime in mid-June to July.

Hospital recognizes volunteer hours

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Conference Room filled rapidly as many of those who unselfishly volunteer their time and talents to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital filed inside. Located the length of the room was a table of goodies, bits and bites and two marvellously decorated cakes to celebrate the tireless efforts of these fine folks, men and women from all walks of life, all areas served by the Hospital.

Brian Mann Chairman of the Hospital Board spoke first mentioning that 2001 is indeed the Year of the Volunteer and what better time to recognize these precious volunteers! "You each take time from your busy lives to help others. Your dedication and enthusiasm is truly remarkable! You can take pride in your impact on both the community and the Hospital. You are certainly the heart and soul of this Hospital. You have shaped the very fibre of Winchester Hospital, your efforts touch each of us in some way. I thank each and every one of you." He then hauled up a huge jar of pennies and on a personal note presented them as a contribution from his family, to "Pennies for Oma"...a wonderful fundraiser that has gotten the young people in the community involved in their Hospital.

Dwayne Holmes, WDMH Foundation Chair explained that as he sees it the goal of all volunteers is to improve their society and noted that he felt there has been an increase in volunteerism lately, "Perhaps it is that so many of us baby boomers are retiring and finding we have spare time to donate to others." He echoed everyone's sentiments when he said that it is always the case if you want something done to ask a busy person. "The young people today seem very busy and as we mature we realize we are able to find time to help others." Laughing at and with himself, he commented on how when he was in high school, the football jock and all it would never have been in his vision that one day he would be at an afternoon tea, but... noted, "I am proud to be here, the work you do (as he looked at the volunteers), well we would never survive without you!"

Marion Carkner, President of the Hospital Auxiliary expressed her pleasure at working with so many who do so much. The Auxiliary members enhance the patient care within the walls of this Hospital and through your leadership young people are encouraged to volunteer too. Your efforts help the Hospital meet their goals. You're responsible for change and progress in

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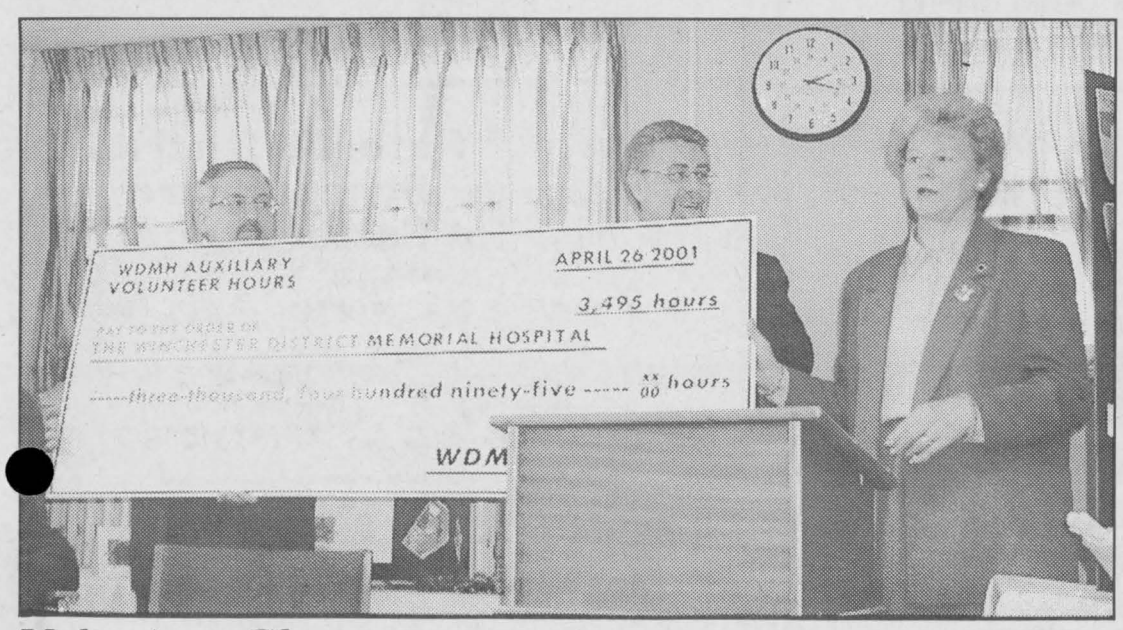
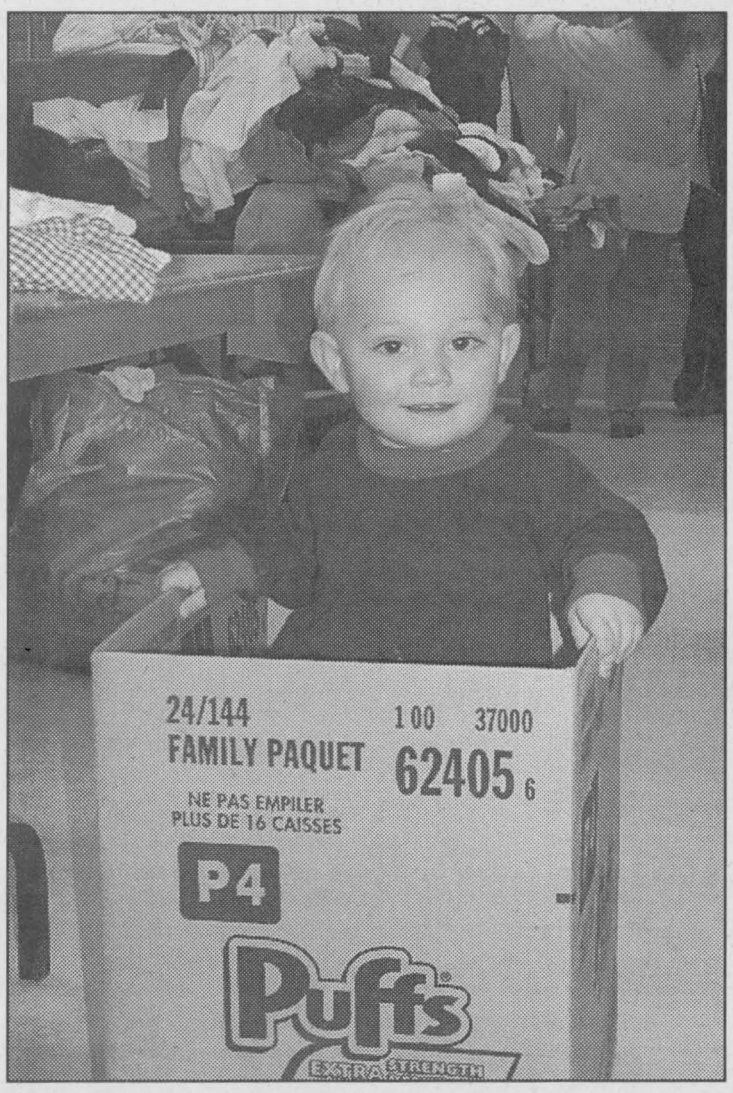


Volunteer Cheque

Winchester Hospital honoured their volunteers and here, CEO Andre Rodier; Hospital Board Chairman, Brian Mann and Marion Carkner, Auxiliary President hoist the cheque high as they acknowledge 3495 volunteer hours provided to the facility by the volunteers who ask nothing in return for their time and talent which they freely and gladly give in order to make the job of healing run smoothly. Thank You everyone!! *Chieftain Photo by S.L Johnston*



Knox Rummage Customer

Knox Presbyterian Church hosted their annual Rummage Sale late last week. Always a popular event young Nathaniel is only 14 months old and this was his very first time to take in the excitement. His mom, Carol wanted to be able to check the tables without worrying about him,so this happy youngster was in the box that eventually filled with items...he was forced to get out. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

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IPS Girl's Floor Hockey

Tops, but due to the schedule even though they beat everyone, they had to playoff in sudden death against the number two team from Morrisburg who beat them 1-0. In front are Katie Guse, Maisie Menges, Hilary Prowse, Danica Corneau, Karen Stevens, Elyse Fournier and Taylore Mattice. Courtney McDermid, Courtney Keicks, Chelsey Schell, Kristen Phifer, and Caitlyn VanDodewaard. Coaches J. Campbell and S. McKee flank the team.

CRIME STOPPERS

This week, Crime Stoppers is asking for your help in identifying the person(s) responsible for damaging railway crossings in South Dundas Township. The incidents occurred in late March and early April during the weekend crossings at Flagg Road, Brinston Road, the Broken Second and Marine Station Road were damaged. The signal and gate lights were smashed causing a serious safety issue.

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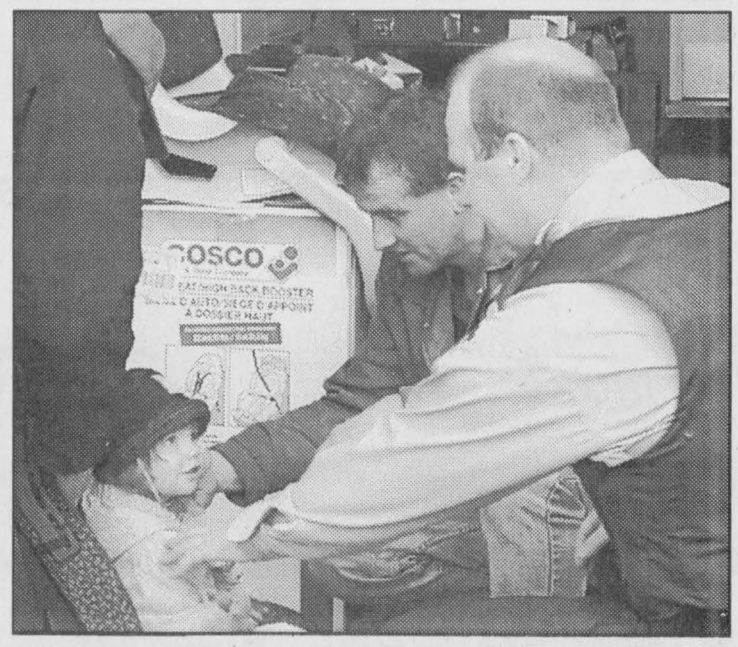

Safety First

This wee lady, Jayde Merkley is not sure it takes three grown men to check her new car seat out. Nonetheless, her dad, Jay and fellow firefighter, Andy Major helped OPP Constable Sid Blokland ensure it was the proper fit before they installed it in her dad's Explorer. The Car Seat Inspection Clinic was held at the Iroquois Fire Hall. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

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Students

Schools are like other buildings, in all communities they are made of bricks and concrete, they have hallways and require paint, cleaning and polishing on a regular basis. On the outside they resemble any factory, or business place. They seem strangely remote and if you were to ask any of the numerous people who pass them by each and every day, they would in all probability admit that they give little or no thought to them. A building with children inside being taught.

If most of us are honest, we will admit that once we left them and "passed" into the next plateau of learning, we immediately put them out of our mind. Perhaps the only time we recalled them was when a former classmate or teacher confronted us and we had to remember.

Few if any of us realise or ever considers the paradox that the most important building in the community is the least understood by the very public it serves and the students who are its main purpose and product.

The calm exteriors of our schools and their stony reticence stand like monuments to the final products that will emerge from the halls and face the challenges of tomorrow head on.

Inside that future is being shaped and felt by the young minds that are daily trained and worked with, moulded into what is necessary, to be capable of being adults that will handle whatever there is in the world.

When these same students return some time to recall their days spent here they will bring with them the skills and attitudes that were shaped in these very structures.. the very same they will pass many times as they scurry and hurry into their futures.

The schools, the education, the teachers and the students of today are very different from those of yesterday. They use computers to compose essays nowadays and many spend a part of their day in the community working as part of their co-op class.

Truly the student of the 90's needs more than a sharp pencil and a desire to work hard... they need the technology of a rapidly changing world where the ability to improvise and think on the spot will be invaluable.

Every one of what were once the basics of school lessons are no longer "basic" and the lessons learned are more often discovered through conversation and a real understanding instead of through rote.

Almost every subject area is designed so that the individual student can experience, discuss and discover within a challenging and creative atmosphere, where the watch word is "doing" not listening.

Sports build the body, but can also include the values of mental health, endurance and teamwork, essentials in the workplace.

Teaching students common human values and respect for others, whether their thoughts or feelings, is truly an eternal task.

We must show young minds that there are no new mistakes, merely ignorance of those that were previously made.

Finding out why peoples differ, how the environment relates to humans and what influence it has upon each of us is a lesson that must be taught...

Schools and teachers have to teach the students of today those values that will be useful to them and to society as a whole in the future, whatever it may bring.

This week we focus on our schools, our teachers and our students... what can you expect to learn this week?

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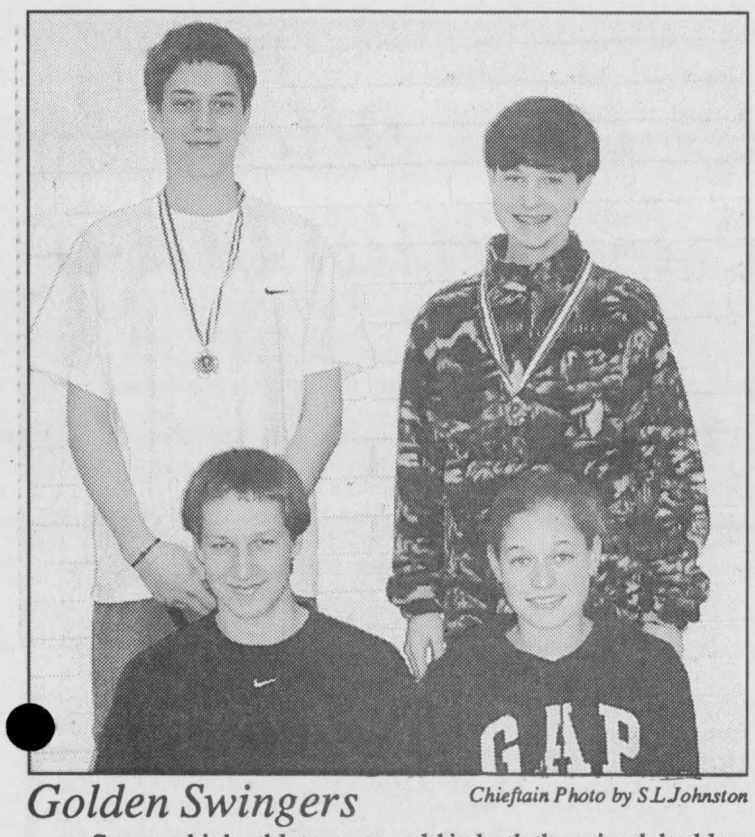

Golden Swingers

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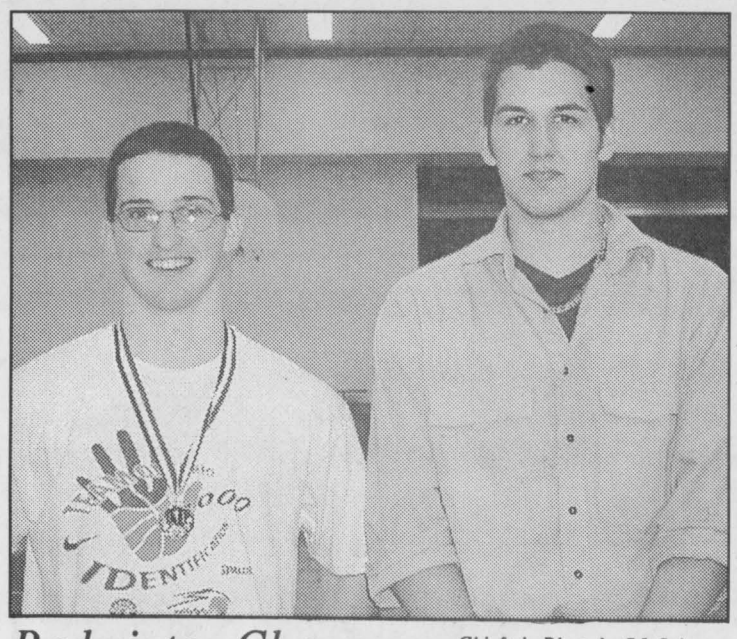
Seaway high athletes won gold in both the mixed doubles and the doubles classes in Badminton finals. Standing are Warren Leroy and Dustin Delegarde who won the doubles and kneeling are Jeff Madge and Adrienne Leroy who won the Mixed Doubles Championship. John Dobry of St. Joes won silver in Junior Boys Singles,they play out of the Iroquois Badminton Club.There is no higher level of play for them.



Badminton Champs

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James Delegarde and Derek Swank brought home the gold for Seaway, for Iroquois and for themselves as they won the SD&G Senior Doubles Championship in Badminton. Both boys play with the Iroquois Badminton Club. Brian McCourt (St. Joe's High) third entitled him to challenge the second place player and he won thus advancing to EOSSA too.



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The Cribbage League would up its season last Saturday with presentations to the seasons champions. A fun day of cards and a great roast beef dinner followed in the Lounge. The League played "Backwards" Cribbage with the objective being to peg the fewest number of points in the nine games played. Proving that he really knows how to lose was Roger Coulter who pegged only 701 points to claim first place. Willis Douglas nabbed second with 705 points, while Ron Perrin's 721 was one point worse than Bernie Montroy; so Ron finished in third spot.

Joe MacDonald was the champion in "Singles" play during the season as well as the over-all season champion. Paul Morrow had the highest average in "pairs" competition and won the "Doubles" championship. Linda McKee and Paul Morrow were the only two players to have the perfect day of nine wins during the thirty-five week schedule. Photos of the season champs can be found on page seven of The Chieftain this week.

In other sports news, Roger Coulter has asked me to point out that any Legion members who plan to compete in the upcoming Zone Horse-Shoes and Zone Golf events should signup as soon as possible since the deadline for entries is fast approaching.

On April 24 at the Euchre tables, there were fifteen groups busy. The first prize winner at the end of the evening was Lawrence Wyatt while Marguerite Campbell captured the second prize and Majorie Grey was the recipient of the door prize on this evening.

At the Bridge tables played that same night, there were five tables shuffling and top scores on the evening were those held by the team of Rick and Judy Darling.

A big bouquet of Thank Yous go out to Lyle Fykes and Borris Swerdfeger who came to our rescue at the Branch this past week. We thought we had a dilemma in our branch as our glass washer in the bar sprung a leak! The experts were called in. The boys cleaned and checked all exterior parts of the machine, then they told us that to check the internal parts would cost in the neighbourhood of $72. an hour, BUT remember, the machine is quite old, close to being an antique. (It was second hand when we purchased it many moons ago). First thing you think of is money, will we be spending mega bucks (like $5000) for a new one? OR does Sheila end up washing the glasses by hand? Needless to say, Lyle and Borris were fortunate enough to solve the problem and all is well. Thanks guys and we appreciate your efforts, especially the money you saved us.

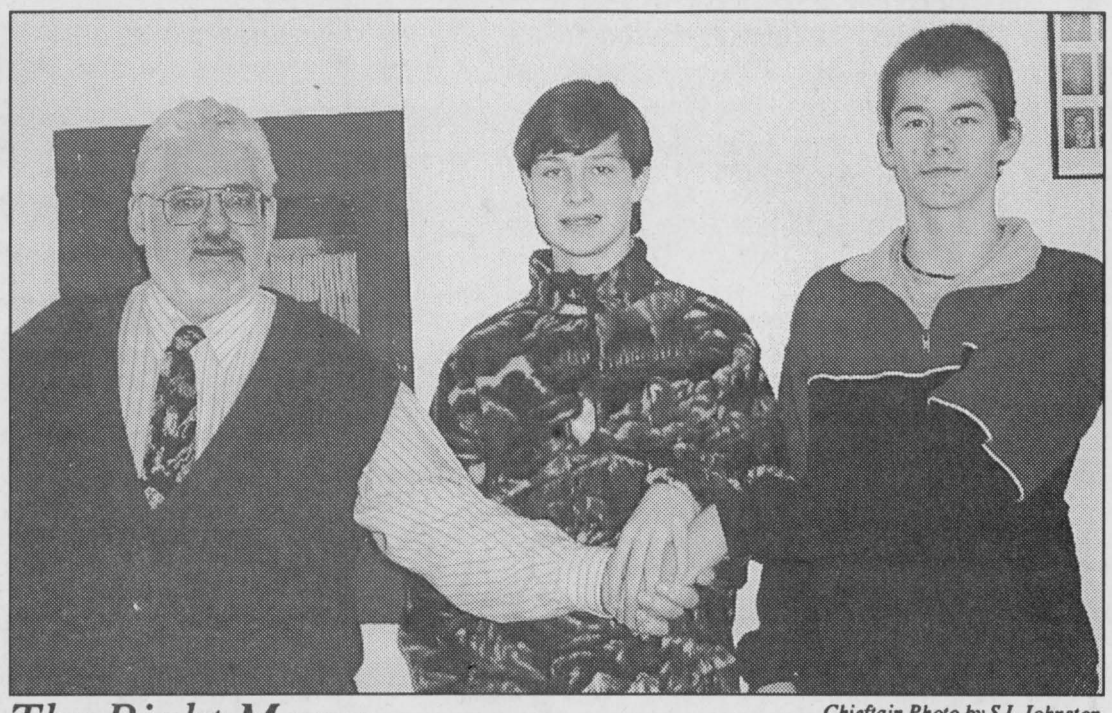
It was brought to my attention that some four seniors have been competing in the District 8 Seniors Cribbage Tournament hosted in Cornwall. On Thursday, April 19, Paul Claxton and Ron Perrin won second place and on April 26, Duane Kirker and Willis Douglas won the Cribbage Tournament. Congrats!!

It is now official, On August 25 from 2pm until 10pm our Legion will be hosting its first ever Jamboree. Plans are now in the making so as the date draws closer, we will keep you informed on the upcoming events.

Don't forget our next General Legion Meeting for on the agenda as well is our Election of Officers. If you would like to join the team or know someone who is interested in joining, please show your interest and come to this meeting. All terms are two years in duration. We have loads of projects to see to fruition in the near future and we need YOU to participate.

Before closing a reminder that Comrade Paul Claxton is under the weather and is presently in Winchester Hospital and that Hazel Easter is waiting patiently for surgery, since she is waiting a lung transplant. Our thoughts are with you.

See you next week.



The Right Moves

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Principal Larry Poirier congratulates Dustin Delegarde and Kevin Groniger on their medal standings at the Eastern Ontario Youth Chess Tournament hosted in Kingston. Dustin came home with gold in Grade 11 and Kevin wore silver in the Grade 9 games. These young men know their pawns and bishops and checkmate is a familiar part of their game vocabulary.

Eastern Ontario Youth Chess Tourney featured locals

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Hosted in Kingston on Sunday, April 1, 2001 the Eastern Ontario Youth Chess Tournament had no trouble attracting some 278 students from as far away as Brighton, Bancroft and Iroquois and areas.

Starting with Grade 1 players and moving through the grades to 12, it was an experience for all involved that will benefit them in a number of ways. Top players in each grade earned medals, with the Gold and Silver winners going on to compete in the Ontario Chess Challenge held in Toronto April 22. The Provincial Champion at each grade level then plays in the Canadian Chess Challenge held at the end of May.

While Kingston schools made a terrific showing with medal winners in a number of grades, the Upper Canada District School Board was noticed. Seaway District High in Iroquois was in evidence as well as Chesterville Public School. In the Grade 5 class, the Bronze medal went to Jacob Carr of Chesterville Public while Kevin Groniger of Seaway High was Silver medal winner among the Grade 9 students and Dustin Delegarde wore the same colour home for his efforts at the board among Grade 11 student players. Well done indeed!!

Kevin and Dustin made the trek to Toronto the weekend of April 20 and came away having enjoyed a terrific experience. Dustin placed 8th in the Top Ten players in his Grade 11 category and brought home a cup for his efforts. Kevin was not as fortunate, but was adamant that the experience was wonderful. They both loved the tourney and were impressed by the tourney setup at the Holiday Inn. "A super time for both of us and quite a challenge!" says Dustin.

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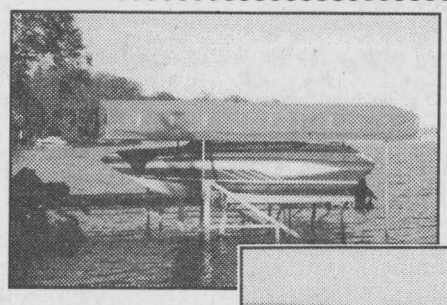

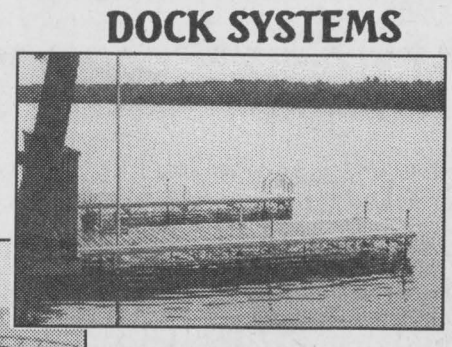

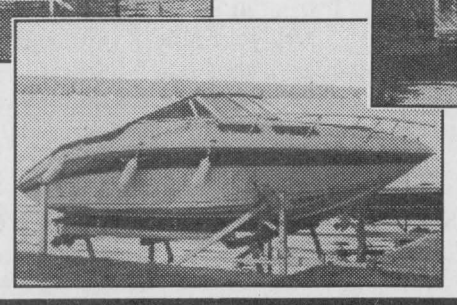

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A vicarious trip to a place not often visited- Antarctica

focus

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Antarctica, that bleak, white place that still defies full understanding. That great white continent still beckons explorers intrigued by the unknown, whether adventurers testing themselves or scientists seeking answers in a pristine environment.

The future of Antarctica with its vast resources locked in an icy vault is guarded by an international agreement, the Antarctic Treaty. This 1959 Treaty froze territorial claims, banned both military and commercial activities and established Antarctica as a nuclear-free zone providing all nations freedom of scientific inquiry and obliged them to share their results.

While it constitutes nearly 1/10 of the world's land, it is owned by no one, yet internationally owned. It had no indigenous people, and has not been exploited; but pie piece portions are claimed by seventeen nations including the United Kingdom, Poland, East Germany, Brazil, India, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Australia, New Zealand, Belgium, France, Russia, South Africa, Norway, Japan and China. Another sixteen nations have agreed to abide by the terms of the Treaty, including Canada. There are 37 permanent Antarctic Bases run by these nations. Canada has not signed the Treaty, but do acknowledge its existence.

Studying a range of items ranging from the studies of variations in cosmic-ray intensity to the measurement of energy expended by Emperor Penguins and human physiology at low temperatures enables advances to be made that will be beneficial in the future. The winter population are about 1000 scientists and support staff while in the summer the population rises to 5000 not counting the close to 10,000 tourists who pass through annually. Exploration though comes at a great cost. Darkness prevails for six months each year. People who winter there live in burrowlike stations and outside work is often impossible.

First sighted in 1819, it is guestimated that the first landing on Antarctica took place about 1895. The first recorded landing was in 1898 when Borchgrevink landed at Cape Adare. Roald Amundsen reached the South Pole in 1911 and Robert Scott arrived in 1912, three weeks later.

Piloting ice breakers in both the Arctic and Antarctic waters after 14 years in the United Kingdom Merchant Navy and a successful second career in the Canadian Coast Guard from 1964-1991, he retired, creating an impressive resume. Captain Pat Tooney is an experienced and knowledgeable navigator. His new career as Tour Guide started when he began as an ice navigator piloting ships to the Arctic and extreme southern waters. Leading tour ships is an awesome adventure and as he took his audience along for the fun, they had no problem keeping interested. "You will be captivated by it if you ever go there," said Pat.

Beginning his talk on the Antarctic he mentioned numerous facts including that the Antarctic is the coldest place on earth, with an average temperature of -55 degrees Celsius, with a range from -23 to -87! The highest continent on earth with an average elevation on top of the ice cap of 2300 metres (7500 feet), it is twice the size of Australia, almost as big as the continental USA. It was not surprising to learn that 98% of the landmass is covered in permanent ice cap, leaving only 2% visible. Speaking of the ice cap, he noted that it is up to 4700 metres (15,5000ft) thick; this weight having depressed the land beneath it lower than sea-level. If the ice cap were to melt all at once, it would raise the levels of the world's oceans by 50-60 metres; 90% of the world's fresh water is locked up in the Antarctic ice cap. It was astounding to learn that the annual average snowfall is only 2-5 cms, but snow can accumulate to up to 2 metres in some areas and blow off entirely from others. "Every snowflake that has fallen over the last 23 years is still there too!" Said Captain Tooney with a grin. It is a desert receiving less precipitation than the Sahara Desert. One of the windiest places on earth, an average wind speed on the coast being 40km/hr and most frequently attaining 160kms/hr, making it some cold!!

He spoke of Emperor Penguins which impressed even this seasoned traveller."They are a protected species here. These fellows are four feet tall. They breed on the ice in the wintertime (all other penguins breed on land). It takes nine months before the chicks can support themselves. They hatch on their feet after the male incubates them. The female feeds the young, bringing back food regularly to the brood, they eat by regurgitation and only the parents can feed the young, they know somehow and call to their own young," explains Pat. The delight he feels for these tuxedo birds is evident in his speech, "They are not afraid

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Canadian Club Pres McGregor welcomes speaker Pat Tooney.

Harmony of amalgamation

When the provincial government legislated municipalities to amalgamate, Edwardsburgh felt their best choice for amalgamation would be with Cardinal.

After all they had a history with Cardinal and they had always been able to get along and worked well together.

Lately all that has changed. The disagreements with Cardinal residents started when the new council of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal began receiving tenders for renovations for the Spencerville Town Hall which is to be the main office.

Cardinal residents stepped back and realized that they wanted their town hall, which was only built six years ago, to be the main office. Currently it serves as a satellite office where local residents can pick up dog licenses, marriage licenses and pay their taxes among other things.

Cardinal residents decided to formulate a petition which 1,378 people signed. The petition was presented to the council, at which time it was decided to call a special meeting to address these issues.

Some residents in Cardinal believe that council meetings should alternate between the two offices and the minutes should be posted on the Internet. They have even gone as far as to state that they want a divorce from the township.

Amalgamation was forced on some of these townships and now two municipalities that have worked together and have a history together can't even be in the same room without disagreeing with each other.

The cost of renovations to the town hall in Spencerville will be $102,000 which will include replacing the roof on the fire hall and making this the council chambers. The old council chambers will become two office rooms. One third of the funding for this will come from the Township of Edwardsburgh reserves and two thirds from the province, meaning this will not result in a tax increase.

The amalgamation of municipalities was designed to save money, but the provincial government never thought that the harmony between two municipalities would be destroyed as a result.

T.R.

Volunteer

Do you volunteer in any capacity?
Why not?
If you do, bravo for you!!

Well I have and I do. I am a busy person, at least as busy as most and I always find the time to accomplish what i give my word I will do. I am one of those folks who cannot say "No" to anyone. When I finish with one volunteer position I find myself caught up in another. I am not complaining, I enjoy every minute of whatever it is I am engaged in. I never wonder about being recognized for what I do, and that is a good thing since recognition is not usually forthcoming. It is after you stop volunteering that someone realizes what you actually did. No matter. The true reward is in the doing, in the smiles of those you help and the hugs and affection that flows like wine from those on the receiving end.

Walking into the Hospital the other day to attend an Appreciation Tea for Volunteers really brought home what it means to volunteer and the difference it can mean to others. There sat a lady who is enduring some rough times. She has volunteered longer than the President of her Hospital Auxiliary. She never boasted about what she did, in fact what she has done for all these years went unnoticed by her own community for a great many years. She just went about her tasks, ensuring that what she said she would do, she did. She is a strong gal and a mentor for many who know her. Always smiling and with a hearty laugh that can be heard long before you locate her, she knows about volunteering in her community. Regular runs to Winchester Hospital to open the Gift Shoppe or to man the counter when someone else was scheduled but unavailable, she was always ready to accept the challenge. She, I am certain has never said "No" to anyone when asked to lend a hand, to volunteer for a committee or to make sure that an event runs as planned. Once an avid golfer, before her knees failed her, she keeps an eye on the action out there even today. She is the epitomy of a volunteer and along with my mother who volunteered throughout her entire life, even when we, her family wished she would not, is a women I admire and strive to imitate.

Without volunteers, communities like ours would find a sad state of affairs developing. Luckily we have them and they do us proud.

S.L.J.

A surprise weekend of R&R for editor

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

The weekend just past did not produce what was expected, but the surprises were actually welcome.

But, as usual I am ahead of myself as thoughts come more rapidly than the arthritic fingers can type them on this keyboard. Taking pictures at Dixon's Corners School was a treat as it is always fun to work with youngsters. Another event that was appreciated was an assignment that took me to Winchester Hospital as they hosted an appreciation tea for the numerous volunteers who help them keep the system running smoothly. Floor hockey is a yearly event and the girls change but the excitement as the thrill of victory or the agony of defeat result, remain the same.

The university kid brought his new gal home for a stay as classes ended and jobs have not yet begun. We took the sons and her to our favourite eatery, The Japanese Village. Now there is a special treat in the middle of a workweek! The food was terrific and the chef we had was great. He put on his show as he cooked and continued to crack jokes, keeping us entertained as he worked. Some wonder why we keep returning to this venue, but the sons always request it. We went there after I had been at a similar one in Toronto while on a Council conference. Locating this one in Ottawa, we tried it, as I felt the kids would enjoy it. Well, years later they still insist on taking friends there. Guess I did something they appreciated! It remains a great adventure and every time seems like the first!

The gal pal went home on the train on the weekend since she started her summer job on Monday morning. The university kid enters the summer workworld today as he heads to the local golf course. His brother is waiting to hear from the folks at Upper Canada Village as to when he begins his tasks in the Village. He will work as an interpreter this summer, at the Grist Mill and the Newspaper Printing Shop...look for him when you visit! He spent time there the year he volunteered when he was ten for a summer and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Working at the Campsite for several years was enough, cleaning latrines and doing shifts are history.

The big guy has endured another evening of parents as the annual event, "Parent-Teacher Interview Evening" has come and gone. Then the weekend adventure which had us up and out of the house early on Saturday morning. A friend called and suggested we take-in the Merrickville Yard Sale, a big mamma with a great selection of items, perhaps something for a kid moving into a house. Terrific idea and the sun is bright even if the wind is cold. Something does not feel right as we get to Merrickville, there are no sidewalks filled with items, no yards bursting with treasures, no signs of any activity. We have the wrong weekend, the poster indicates it is the first weekend in May. We are a week early! Not to waste a trip we drop by a couple of yard sales that are getting primed for the following weekend and snag a couple of treats and then head southward to see some country. A photo in Prescott was on the assignment sheet. Stopping by a friend's home we get them moving earlier than they expected on a Saturday, enjoyed a cup of java and checked out birds, pictures of wild turkeys taken last winter. They enjoyed massive numbers of these fellows each day. There were snaps of deer venturing very close to the house and the gold finches we saw on this day were awesome. What a wonderful place to call home. His gun collection and trophies were special to this old editor, thanks Rod and Trudy, it was a special treat for sure. Your sharing was appreciated.

Then meeting Pam Collacott from CJOH fame was neat. Her french toast with jam and icing sugar was mouth watering. She will be in next week's issue after we have the opportunity to chat.

Then we all bought some fish and chips and took them to the Harbour where we had our first of many picnics 2001 edition (I hope!). It was extremely cool to take the time to sit, enjoy the meal and the company and not worry about work at home or otherwise, so the mistake concluded in a very nice manner.

Attending the Figure Skating banquet was a nice ending to a great day. The ladies of the Legion served a full course turkey dinner and it was scrumptious. Not an entirely tough assignment at all!

Sunday was another nice day and after watching Coronation Street, it was time to shower and head to a Bridal Shower for the niece who is headed down the aisle next Saturday. A fun time, good company and great niblets.

A brother and uncle celebrated another year under his belt, hope it was good Mikie!!

Take care. Be careful raking those lawns. The wisdom comes from my friend Jackson Brown who says, " Take charge of your attitude. Don't let someone else choose it for you."

the bottom line

THE MURAL COMMITTEE WILL BE HOLDING A PUBLIC MEETING Monday, May 7 at 7pm at the Iroquois Civic Centre. This will be an opportunity for everyone to come and see the outline for the Mural Project in South Dundas. Ask questions or give us your ideas, this is an exciting time and we need your input from the community. Join a jury to select the artist for one of the murals, or give us your vision for the pictorial history of South Dundas. If you are interested in history, art, tourism, your community or are just looking for a fun way to spend some of your free time, join us in bringing Murals to South Dundas! For info call Kirsten at 543-4536.

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WERE YOU AWARE THAT SATURDAY, MAY 12 IS INTERNATIONAL Migratory Bird Day? Well it is! and to celebrate, the Friends of the Sanctuary are hosting a Bluebird Workshop that day from 10am until 2pm. at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary located on County Road 2 between Morrisburg and Ingleside. What better way to celebrate Bird Day then with information on the beautiful Eastern Bluebird. Concerned bird lovers work hard every year to ensure this little guy's come back is a sure thing. Come and discover what their habits and needs are. Perhaps your backyard is the perfect habitat.

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THE CHILDREN'S SPRING FESTIVAL 2001 AT THE IROQUOIS PUBLIC Library continues this Friday evening, as the Ottawa Storytellers come to town to treat us to "Tales for Everyone." The action gets going at 7pm and even if you missed the first in the series, you can come out anyway and check on the fun. This promises to be a terrific event and you will not want to miss it, no matter your age. Hone your storytelling skills or just enjoy the show.

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SDHS PROM COMMITTEE IS SPONSORING A FASHION SHOW THURSDAY, May 3, Fashion Fever strikes at 1:30 and again at 7pm in the gym. Three stores are involved and some 40 models.A teen designer from Seaway will see the work modelled. Biba (Msbg), Suzy Sheir and Sears (1000 Is. Mall) will provide the fashions for Spring and Summer 2001. Help out the Committee by attending, the money goes to the Prom to be held at OETIO next month.

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of people and are quite inquisitive. They will come right up to check in your boots. I guess being so tall they think they are people like us, or that we are just other large birds!" He showed slides of them plodding along and tobogganing on their bellies. "They travel 40-50 miles, walking to the ocean for food. When they return there is quite the ritual that takes place between the two adults!" He continued telling about his favourite birds, "They stain the land with their waste, pink if they are eating Krill(a shrimplike crustacean) and green if their diet is fish." He did also mention that penguins have sharp toenails that enable them to run on the ice. There are Crabeating Seals here as well although there are no crabs for them to eat. "Leopard Seals are vicious, up to 12 feet long and have teeth as large as your index finger, I believe they could eat people if they so desired!" noted this learned gentleman. Russian Seals are rare and live on the ice.

He also showed marvellous slides of the continent taken during his numerous voyages to the frigid south, the landscape shots are simply breathtaking. As the white mountains of ice rise out of the water, they create an awesome photo opportunity at every glance. He spoke of Whale Seals who seem to smile all the time. "They come up through the arches in the ice."

Sadly he recounts that even the isolation of the continent does not provide defense against contamination by a distant world. Traces of DDT have been found in Adelie Penguin eggs and in the flesh of seals. Plastic rubbish has washed ashore on Antarctic beaches perhaps from sources thousands of miles away.

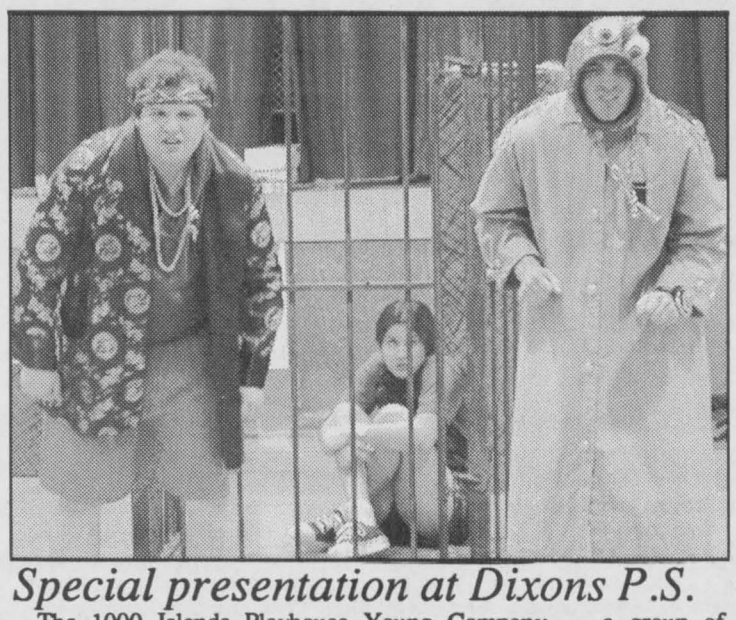
He tells about the ship he navigates..."Our ship breaks ice up to 15 metres thick. Being environmentally conscious we are not allowed to anchor within one mile of the birds, we cannot interfere with the birdlife at all. After we drop anchor passengers walk to see the rockeries where as many as 10,000 birds will be residing. "I have met 7 million penguins during my travels, and was even presented with a pebble by one...definitely meant we were engaged!" he says. A disturbing fact comes to light as he explains that in order not to upset the balance of nature, visitors must not help or remove even wounded birds when they are located. Like the fact that a perimeter is established by the tour and no one is allowed to go further afield than that . No garbage is left behind, all waste products on the USA station are shipped back to the USA, nothing is discarded, recycling at its finest!-the only telltale mark that anyone ever even walked there is their footprints which may last a very long time before disappearing.

Mount Erebus is the only active volcano on the continent. It erupted 500 years ago. Lava is still visible on the ground and the volcanic dust must be cleaned from boots prior to entering the huts. There is no vegetation on Antarctica, except one type of grass on the peninsula.

Scott's base camp at McMurdo Sound stands as a testimony to his effort and that of his entrange. His original house is a National Monument and contains the original equipment, even the food cans as they were left remain in view. All historical artifacts that cannot be touched, they tell a lot about the men who braved the elements to explore this continent. Visitors are limited as to how many can enter to check things out, so condensation does not build up (12 in winter at one time, 5 in summer). Something some of us felt was a unique work ethic, since it is daylight 24 hours a day the scientists work when they feel like or want to work, they do not adhere to any clock times. If something is happening and they get caught up with it they work longer. The waste heat from the generators heat the stations. Perhaps the most feared event is a fire since there is no place to go if your site burns and there is no ready supply of water to fight a fire.

He told of a the World Millennium Cruise he piloted in February of 2000. "This was my most extraordinary voyage to date. A crew of 700, 1300 passengers and the best weather I could ever imagine made this a wonderful trip. The scenery was breathtaking and as the ship cruised the Gerlash Channel which is 1/2 mile wide and 1000 feet deep. Seals on ice flows, whales jumping in the water and the penguins watching as we moved past; it was a once in a lifetime experience, I am certain no matter when I go again, and we are going to do more in 2002, there will never be weather like this again!" One danger in the business is that there is no coordinated system for rescues if something were to go wrong. Therefore when the zodiacs take passengers to or from the ship all caution is practised. No food is allowed ashore, and no one can take anything away when they leave, no souvenirs, and this is a strict rule, "Everyone is frisked when they get set to return to the ship!"

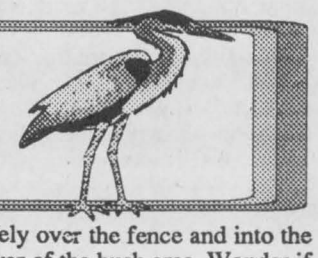
With names like Paradise and Hope Bay conjuring up magical, mystical thoughts, this continent of ice and cold, of wind and barren horizons the adventure of exploring in the new millennium aboard a luxury liner would be a dream come true for many. Listening to Captain Tooney it was easy to imagine looking straight into the face of a penguin as ice flows drifted past. An unbelievably spendid continent, yet, vast and dangerous, a pristine purity exists like no place else on earth.



Special presentation at Dixons P.S.

The 1000 Islands Playhouse Young Company — a group of university drama students — delighted their young audience at Dixons Corners Public School with *Jacob Two Two Meets the Hooded Fang* last Friday. *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen*

St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching



by Birds Anonymous

Linda had flown, and we miss her and her wonderful words. However, the birds are singing and the sun is shining, warming the land and encouraging the tree buds to literally burst. We need a nice, steady warm rain to really get things on track, but our fine feathered friends are in evidence in our area.

Birders were I am sure uncertain about calling The Chieftain with their info, observations and anecdotes, but we will accept them with gladness. Until someone comes forward we will struggle to provide something for the column each week.

We were fortunate to visit a couple who live on the edge of a bush area and the **gold finches** were abundant at their feeders, male and females. **Purple finches** were dropping by, a male and a female for a snack as well. **Red Winged Blackbirds** were numerous as they checked the ground for lost seeds and then a **Downy Woodpecker** perched on a feeder filled with sunflower seeds and enjoyed his fill before heading back to a nearby tree. We were treated to photos of a huge flock of **wild turkeys** that spent the winter enjoying free food here as well. They had **deer** come by and the pictures showed they like the idea of stopping here when the snow blows and drifts. We learned that they are plagued with **squirrels** who insist on damaging feeders and wrecking the plastic tubs the seed used to be stored in. Now they use metal garbage cans with lids that lock!

Our Irena Road birdwatcher did give us a call with her info. She saw two male **Evening Grosbeaks** in her backyard last week and a male **Cardinal**. She also noticed a **White-throated Sparrow** when she walked along the old lane west of the Cemetery on the Road. She was excited to report that she saw her first **Blue-Bird** of the season at Rowena and noticed a **Pileated Woodpecker** at a neighbours as she passed by. Attending a wake in Iroquois the other evening, she saw some **Bohemian Wax Wings** enjoying some berries on a bush when she left to head home.

A couple of **Mourning Doves** visited Swampview this week, adding to the bird log who drop by the feeders. We have **Chickadees** regularly and **Blackbirds** enjoy a snack as they head elsewhere. A beautiful male **Cardinal** was spotted at the west feeder, as he darted from the feeder to the white birch tree. His loud and clear song were unmistakeable and his bright red feathers showed through the naked birch quite nicely. A pair of **Mallard Ducks** are courting in the pond below the house and it is great fun to watch the rituals.

A **fawn** was spotted along the Brinston Road the other evening as we travelled southward towards home. This little fellow was unafraid and we were afraid he/she would be killed, as traffic was busy in both directions. This little brown beauty was sniffing the gravel roadside and walked along the side of the road for some distance. Worried he/she would dart into the path of oncoming traffic, we drove along in an attempt to scare the deer into the bush. The deer did make it safely over the fence and into the cover of the bush area. Wonder if this little one was alone or of mom was lurking in the shadows of the huge evergreen in the ditch?

A **deer** was struck and killed on County Road 2 just east of Iroquois the other evening.

Robins are everywhere as they try to locate worms. Many was fat and seem well fed as they arrive from their winter holidays. One brown chested beauty was busy gathering pieces of fluff for a nest as we watched from the kitchen window on the weekend.

The fields are still busy with **Canada Geese** as they try to grab the last remains of corn crops from last season.

If you are an avid birder, give us a call at 652-4395 and help us get this column going. Thanks for your support and patience as we struggle to keep the Bird Column a part of the weekly issue.

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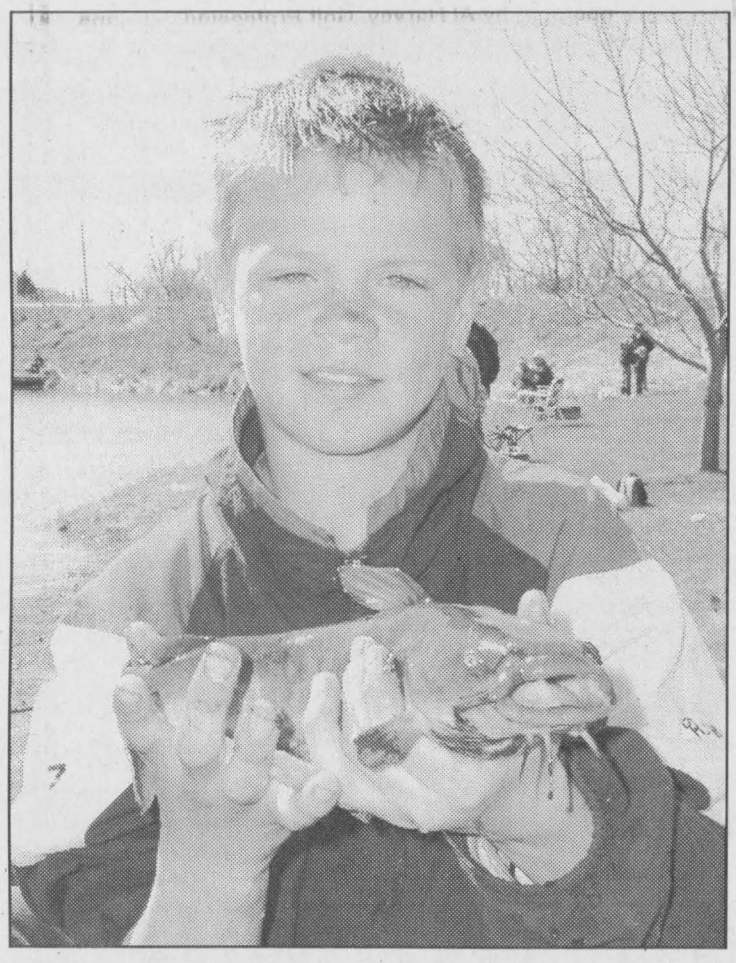


Some mudpout!

Nine-year-old Ryan Robinson of Cardinal holds up a whopper of a mudpout he caught during a fishing derby at Sawmill Creek on Sunday. He placed third in the age 9-12 category with a fish weighing one pound, half an ounce.

Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen

Fish & Game Club honour their best for the year 2000 season

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The sun shone brightly. The water in Sawmill Creek sparkled as it caught the rays that burst from the sky. The banks were lined with youngsters, poles dipping hooks into the cold, dark depths in hopes of snagging a catfish. They were out in force and had brought along an assortment of parents and siblings, coolers filled with snacks and more enthusiasm than anyone could imagine. When a line would bend signalling a bite, the screams of joy that erupted as another mudpout was slammed onto the shore and unhooked to be place in a pail of water was evidence that everyone was enjoying the afternoon of fishing. Bobbers dotted the water's surface as youngsters kept watchful eyes on them in case a bit should be missed.

When the lines were all on shore and the poles laid to rest, the fish had been weighed and winners were to be rewarded for their efforts.

In the eight and under class in the Mudpout class first went to Ryan Robinson and second to Mackenzie Allan. In the Sunfish category the top prize went to Mackenzie Allan while Jordon Witteveen. Perch are not too tough to haul in, but Ryan Harper and Jordon Witteveen grabbed a couple that were good enough to win top spots for them. Jordon and Mackenzie were able to come out with the top bass catches.

In the 9-12 year old category, the top mudpout was caught by Lacey Mallett while Josh Bergman came in second. The top Perch catch was hauled in by Jason Witteveen, keeping the family tradition up with Nicholas Ault had a catch good enough for second prize. Jason Witteveen was the winner again this time in the Small Mouth Bass category. William Snider and Jason Witteveen were to top two in the Pike catch.

In the 13-16 year old class the winners were Matt Whitney, while the Pickerel catch that took first was caught by Nicholas Ault.

Then it was time for the Seniors to shine as Scott Cook took top spot in the Pike Derby. John Dugan Junior won both the Small Mouth Bass Fishing Derby and Big Buck Contest as well as the Duck Shoot. Michael Heafey Junior won the Big Doe Contest while John Dugan Senior took top spot in both the Goose and Wolf Categories.

Free refreshments and hot dogs filled the youngsters as they had a wonderful spring day on the banks of Sawmill Creek dipping worms in the water and tugging fish ashore. There is no prouder moment than when a young fisherman or gal reels in their first catch of the season.

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The excitement began to grow in the Morrisburg Legion as the tables began to fill with bodies. Members of the Morrisburg and District Skating Club gathered to honour their own for achievements throughout the year and to enjoy a meal together as the season ended.

In charge of hospitality, Karen Thompson got things started as she thanked everyone who contributed to the Club this past year, expressing appreciation to coaches, parents and skaters, she noted, "This is a chance for us to reflect on a very wonderful skating season." She also said that all the contributions are a valuable part of the program. She then introduced Kathy Gilmer who is a leader who possess all the qualities necessary to provide that leadership needed to keep things humming. "To me leadership means dedication, resourcefulness, learning, self control, considerate of others, doing the best you can, encouraging others while respecting them, shouldering responsibility, possessing a good attitude so to inspire others and practising perseverance...Kathy exhibits all of these.

Kathy took the podium and invited everyone to enjoy the evening as this was the first banquet attempted by the Club in a number of years. She noted, "We will award all skaters for their work this season from the first year CanSkaters to the Senior Skaters, we'll honour everyone who out in the effort." She continued, "Behind the scenes are 17 volunteers who, through their hard work and dedication have made this year such a success." She proceeded to introduce the executive; Margaret Phifer (Past President and Dance Chair), Nicole Keicks (V-P and Spring School Chair), Anne Stevens (Treasurer), Gail Gellner (Secretary), Rosemary VanAllen, Allison Scott and Tara Hickman (CanSkate Chairs), Tracy Tippins (Fundraising Chair), Diane Bass (Registration), Sandy Scott (Carnival Chair), Cindy Adams (Interclub/Recreational Chair), Yvonne Lortie (Ice Chair), Lisa Hall (Music Chair), Kim Mills (Professional Liaison), Roseanne O'Beirn (Publicity Chair), Teresa Veltkamp (Test Chair) and Karen Thompson (Hospitality). "Thank you very much for all your hard work."

Karen took over again explaining how the greats of figure skating are being inducted into the Canadian Figure Skating Hall of Fame. Naming the likes of Donald Jackson, Isobell and Lloyd and Kurt Browning among those inducted thus far, she suggested that the Local Club chose this evening as a way to recognize the greats among those present. Also included among those in the Hall of Fame are Coaches, with nine in already. Morrisburg and District honoured their coaches as well, as Tara Hickman and Allison Scott, Penny Mann and Sara Foster (latter two absent) were presented with a token of appreciation on behalf of the Club.

Then it was time for the youngsters to be given their due. Rosemary Van Allen and Tara Hickman recognized the CanSkaters for their achievements. Rosemary began, "I want to thank the executive for their support and dedication. This being my first year, I was not sure of many things, they helped me." It was noted that 82 kids skated in the CanSkate Program, some 60 in the "A" division. "The 67 badges earned attest to the hard work the skaters accomplished this season. We enjoyed special days, like Halloween, PJ day, Santa came, Stations were held twice a month, we had a Family Skate Day, celebrated the January blues, Valentines and the carnival in March, rounding out a successful, busy CanSkate season." She alluded to the 19 PAs (Program Assistants) and the Coaching Staff who ensured success for the skaters. The PAs, Laura Baker, Allen and Stephanie Chung, Dana Schneckenburger, Kathleen German, Courtney Thompson, Rose Deighton, Kyle Gervais, Courtney and Cameron Keicks, Karen Stevesn, Jessica Lortie, Lindsay Gilmer and the not-so-young helper; Nicole Keicks, Sandy Scott and Marilyn Simzer each accepted recognition and a carnation. "You are crucial to the Program, it just would not happen without you." Then the youngsters involved were invited to the stage where each got a medal and a certificate of recognition.

The Bank of Montreal rewards skaters with medals, The Spirit of Skating Medals: one to the CanSkater of the Year, it went to Kelsea Baxter. The Spirit of Skating Medals go to skaters who demonstrate personal achievement and the spirit skating instills. The winners were Curtis Delegarde and Hayley Van Allen. Courtney Thompson was the top PA, and for her excellent job first time out she carried home a teddy bear. This portion ended as Karen suggested that these skaters remember that even Elvis Stojko started in such a program at age 5...and see where he is now!

Eighteen Intermediate Skaters were then honoured by Kathy Gilmer and Teresa Veltkamp. These skaters work in group, private and dance lessons and each got a medal and a certificate for their work.

A medal and a badge went to Preliminary Dance Skaters; Lori Casselman, Kelsey Hall, Hayley Mills, Dana Scheckenburger and Courtney Thompson who also get their names engraved on a trophy that is displayed at the arena.

Then it was on to Preliminary Free Style Skaters; Lindsay Gilmer, Kaitlyn McDonald and Courtney Thompson were presented with awards.

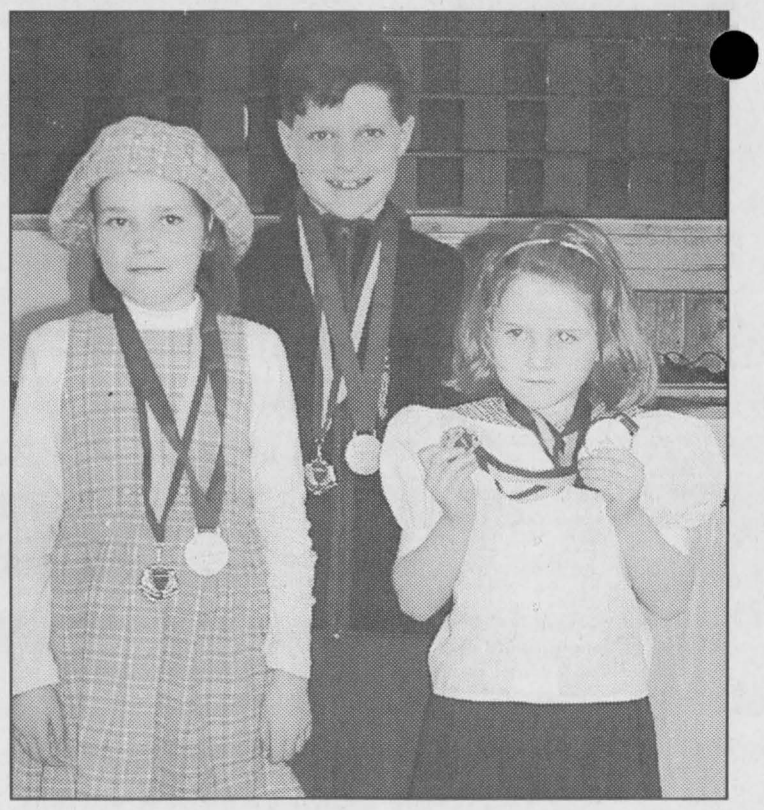
Preliminary Skills Trophy will have Kaitlyn McDonald and Courtney Thompsons names engraved on it this year.

Junior Bronze Dance trophy was won by the same two young ladies and then it was time for the Seniors to be recognized. Cameron Keicks and Rose Dieghton represented the Club at the Eastern Ontario finals and won first in Juvenile and moved on to Regionals where they gained valuable experience. Allen Chung also did very well this year. These there were joined by Ellen Blatch, Stephanie Chung, Kathleen German, Kathleen McKendry, Kristen Phifer and Karen Stevens were recognized.

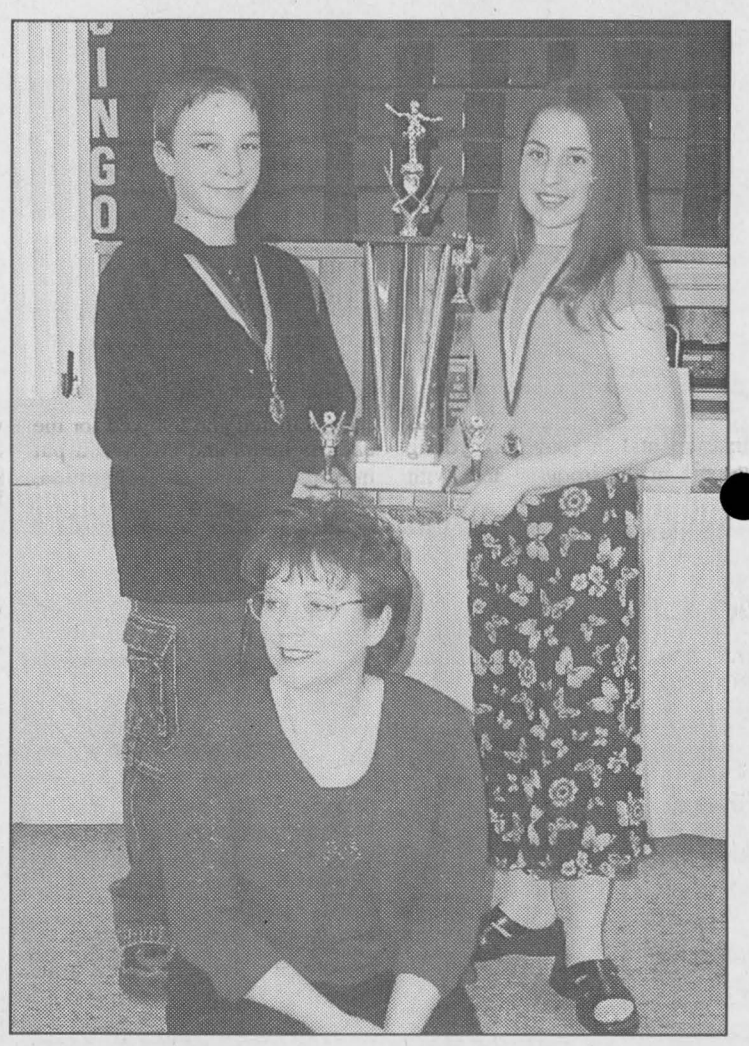
Junior Silver Dance winners were Cameron Keicks and Rose Deighton and Nicole Keicks who skated for fun and exercise and ended up being honoured!!

Cameron took the stage alone to accept the trophy as Top Junior Silver Skills skater. This young man is worth keeping our eyes on as he matures and his skating becomes even better.

Laura Baker and Stephanie Chung will leave the Club this season coming as they further their education at university in the fall. They each received a token of appreciation on behalf of the Club for their invaluable contributions to the Club over the years.



Kelsey, Curtis & Hayley are CanSkaters.



Cameron, Nicole & Rose- Junior Silver Dance...

Iroquois and District COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Anniversary Turkey Smorgasbord, St. John's United Church, Cardinal. Thursday, May 3 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. All Welcome. Take outs available.

Benson Public School's Grade 8 Graduating Class will be hosting a Bake Sale at the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church during their Rummage Sale, May 5, 2001, 10 am - 1pm. All money raised will be going towards our school trip.

Cardinal Community Choir presents its Spring Concert, an evening of Gospel Music, Sunday, May 6 at 7 pm at St. Andrew's St. James' Presbyterian Church. Special guest: Don Morrell on the saxophone.

The Good Companions Iroquois Senior Citizen Club covered dish lunch. May 8 at 12 o'clock. Entertainment The Barkley's and Don Morrell. All Welcome.

SingAlong, Inspirational Songs, Brinston United Church, Wednesday, May 9 at 1 pm. Refreshments served, free will offering.

Beef B.B.Q. Tuesday, May 22, 2001, held at Benson Public School. "Beef Prepared & Cooked by Bill Kenney" 4:30 pm until 7 pm, Tickets can be purchased from any students before May 11.

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Cribbage Champs

Left to right, Paul Morrow (champion in doubles play) and Joe McDonald (champion in singles play and overall champion) picked up their awards at the annual cribbage league presentations at the Iroquois Legion on Saturday.

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Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps 338 "Defiant"

by Matt Fawcett

(Shared with readers, this speech was written by Matt for school)

Ladies and gentleman, judges, teachers and fellow students. Today, I will be speaking to you about something I enjoy doing and that is SEA CADETS.

To become a Sea Cadet, you have to be 12 years old and enjoy having fun while experiencing new adventures. After 4 weeks of training, you will become an NE (New Entry). All NEs are issued full Cadet uniform, which consists of shoes, wool socks, pants, belt, turtleneck, gunner shirts, tunic, toque, overcoat and a white top (hat). Once you become an OC (Ordinary Cadet), you will receive your lanyard and cap tally. The next level you can achieve is an AC (Able Cadet).

At any of the three levels I have mentioned so far, you have the chance to do all kinds of exciting things. At our regular training meetings, we practise our marches, which is called, "colours," I am part of the guard. We also learn how to tie knots, clean rifles and polish our shoes so that we can see our reflections in them. We learn to identify the different parts of a boat as well as many valuable skills that will assist us on our outdoor adventures.

So far as a cadet, I have spent weekends at Connaught Range in Ottawa doing rifle training. There we used air rifles and 303s to practise target shooting. We also did a confidence test, which is very much like an obstacle or endurance test. This tests our physical abilities while we run through tires, crawl under barbed wire, scale a wall and climb a rope ladder. I have also learned First Aid and earned a certificate.

I have gone to Kingston and Cornwall for our Flotilla competition. Flotilla competition is a combination of swimming, sailing, first aid and sheer legs.

I have been to White Sail Camp. There we learned how to sail small sailboats. We learned sea safety as well as how to handle the sailboat. We learned to capsize our boats and turtle them. Turtling your boat is a funny word for turning your boat upside down and them flipping it right side up again. I had a lot of fun that weekend, even though it was cold.

We also got to go to a lot of fairs in the area because we march in their parades. We also march at the Remembrance Day ceremonies in Cardinal.

Last winter you may have noticed the Fair Jeanne anchored near the Cardinal Legion. The Sea Cadets met the caretaker of the ship, his name was Frank. He was a very nice man and we got to help him fix up the boat. He taught us a lot about being on a boat. It may be a lot of fun, but there are great responsibilities when you are out on the water. The whole boat has to work together as a team. Everyone has their assigned jobs and if one person does not do their tasks, everyone may suffer the consequences. Because we were such a great help to Frank, he offered to let us spend a night on the boat. Have any of you ever spent the night on a sailboat? I have. There was a lot of work to do on the sailboat, especially in winter. It is hard carrying wood up a ladder, but not as hard as being cold. Also you have to make sure the bubbler motors do not stop. If the water freezes around the boat, it can puncture the sides and sink the boat. If the motors do quit, you have to manually break the ice from around the boat until you fix the motor.

This summer, I am going away to Summer GT training. I don't know where it will be, but I know that it is a two week camp full of fun things to learn and do. One cadet already knows that he will be heading out to British Columbia, I wonder where I will be going?

Other ranks you can achieve as a Sea Cadet are LC-Leading Cadet, QP22-Qualified Petty

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Perfect Day

Paul Morrow and Linda McKee were rewarded last Saturday for achieving perfect days during Cribbage League play at the Iroquois Legion this past season.

Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

President's

countries to assist local people, enabling them to become selfsufficient and the children focused projects he encourages so adamantly.

He established a fundraiser: Partner's For Children in Development Foundation in Canada to assist the children he strives to help to a better future. Shipping various items collected from a variety of sources to these far off lands where they are in demand and where the need is so great, as well as encouraging others to join him in his labour (doctors and other volunteers have spent time and talent in Costa Rica and Honduras helping to teach the people how to better their own situations, offering knowledgeable advice and helping to get various projects completed with George's full support). His creative talents and his knowledge enable him often to make what he needs from what he has at hand, a marvellous aid to people and projects. His friendly personality and his ability to persuade others to help him have been amazing and continue to astound those who know anything about his efforts.

His Lion commitments have encompassed most offices locally and some in cabinet. He was instrumental in providing young people in the Iroquois area with the opportunity to ride free in a plane this past summer. A unique chance in Iroquois for youngsters for sure. Another way he gives back so unselfishly to the young people.

We join the community and the Lions Club is offering hearty congratulations to well deserved member of our town..."Way to go George!"

Hospital

the Hospital community. I see our group as doing a great job! I thank you again."

CEO Andre Rodier stated that he considers volunteerism to be about contributing and caring, and helping others, advocating a cause. "You work with others daily, your passion in helping others shines through in the Hospital setting. We provide quality health care and you demonstrate the "Power of One!" and together you are a tremendous force!" he suggested that each volunteer should feel truly appreciated every day. "Volunteering is not easy, we can all find other things to do, and yet each of you has decided to put the effort into volunteering and you should be proud of yourselves." he continued, "Each of you is to be congratulated and thanked for the endless hours and effort you put in without formal recognition, well today we want to recognize you! We are remiss in that we do not do enough to recognize you, we'll remedy that now, for we know we are a better institution because of you and your efforts."

Doctor Chuck Adamson, Chief of Staff at the Hospital expressed his appreciation and that of the entire staff..."On behalf of myself and the rest of the staff here at WDMH, everyday we work with the products of your labours, the Auxiliary and the In Memorium Fund for example help us so much. You assist patients everyday with necessary items of comfort and your visits brighten a dull day every time you enter a room. We appreciate you and your labour every day!"

Checking out a display that demonstrated the need at the Hospital for funds and the help the various volunteer committees are, it became clear that their efforts are indeed monumental. When you consider that a Doppler machine costs $2000, while commode chairs run at $8,000, a value of some $30,000 going to purchase 6 wheelchairs, 2 stretchers, 2 double IV pumps and 2 IV pumps and a Coulter Counter for Haematology (determines the levels of Haemoglobin) comes through with a price tag of $85,000, it is easy to see that no value can be placed on volunteers and the work they do to raise funds and ease the load at the Hospital. The volunteers enjoyed a snack, a cup of tea and a piece of cake as well as some friendly chatting. Each received an engraved pen with the hospital logo and Thank You on it, as well as a poem expressing exactly the esteem these folks are held in by the Hospital.

Anyone who has been hospitalized knows the value of volunteers, even to lead you in the right direction when x-rays are necessary or a lab is sought. The entire community thanks you each and every one!!

Editor's Note: A while back when we ere winding up the Minor Hockey season, an article was written that mistakenly stated information concerning the Bantam Lions teams. Sorry for the mixup. Bantam House won the plague as tops in their division and Curtis Whitteker was the Bantam House Lions Team Captain.

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PAYNE: In loving memory of a dear Poppy, ***Roger,*** who passed away May 2, 2000.
Loving and kind in all his ways,
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Always remembered and loved by Mike, Jo-Anne, Carrie & Maggie.
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PAYNE: In loving memory of a dear companion and friend ***Roger,*** who passed away May 2, 2000.
I watched you suffer,
I heard you sigh,
But all I could do was just stand by.
When the time came, I suffered too.
For you never deserved what you went through.
God took your hand, we had to part.
He eased your pain, but broke my heart.
Life goes on, we know that's true,
But its not the same without you.
Thanks for the years you gave me,
And for the time we shared.
Always remembered and loved Marilyn.
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Auctions

Estate Auction
Thursday, May 3
6:00 pm
McHaffie Auction Hall, Morrisburg
Household effects of the Late Miss Edith Render of Iroquois will be sold with a partial household from Morrisburg
Upright freezer; fridge; stove; washer; dryer; CTV & stand; modern wall unit; 6 pc dining set; couch & chair; 2 bedroom sets; chrome set; antiques; 4 washstands; dresser; drop leaf table; set 4 wood chairs; small tables; trunks; couch; dishes; glassware; collectibles; books; tins; lanterns; wicker baskets; numerous quilts; pictures; rugs; small kitchen appliances; costume jewellery; 4 section bookcase; (good) large & small desk; silverware & chest; cups & saucers; wood rocker & matching straight chair; foot stools; rockers; floor & table lamps; electric organ & bench; microwave; vacuum; cookbooks; costume jewellery; pots & pans; bakeware; saws; small tools; house & garden tools; card table & chairs; lawn chairs; golf clubs; walker; tub chair.
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May 5
10:00 A.M.
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Forever grateful,
Allan Armstrong

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OBITUARIES

Betty Anne Keeler

Suddenly as a result of a heart attack, at home, on Saturday, April 21, 2001, Betty Anne Keeler of Brouse Drive in Iroquois. Born in Alexandria on January 5, 1968, Betty Anne was 33 years of age.

Former residences Betty Anne called home included Alexandria, Winchester Springs and South Mountain. A loving wife and devoted mother, a devoted daughter who will be greatly missed by everyone close to her, Betty Anne leaves several aunts, uncles and cousins behind. She leaves to mourn the loss her beloved husband, John Keeler at home, whom she wed in Ottawa on August 22, 1991, as well as her cherished children; Jason and Tiffany, both at home. A brother Donnie Timmons of Ottawa and her mother, Judy Timmons (Nee Derouchie) of Alexandria survive as well. She is also sadly missed by her maternal grandmother Mary Derouchie of Lancaster and paternal grandmother, Annie Timmons of Nova Scotia.

Predeceased by her father, the late Donald Timmons, Betty Anne had many interests, two of her favourites being gardening and listening to music.

Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation were appreciated by the family. A private family service was held at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois on Wednesday, April 25, 2001 followed by cremation. Rev. Dolly Dikens officiated. Interment of cremated remains will be at Iroquois Point Cemetery.

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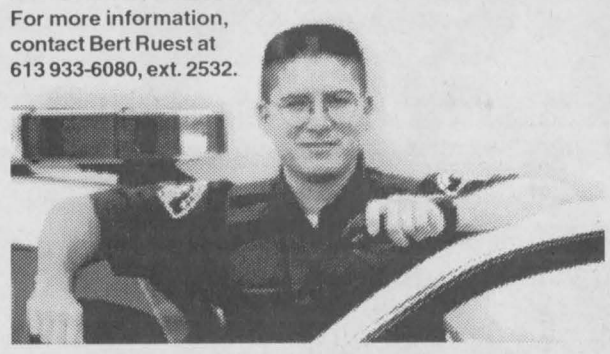

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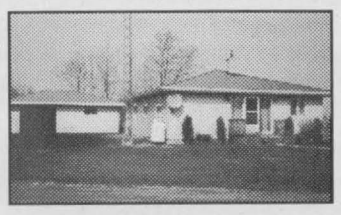

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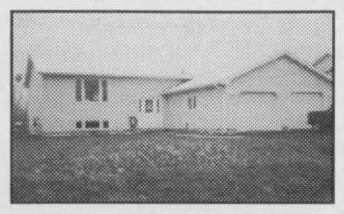

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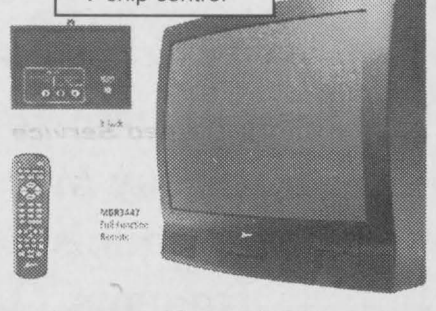

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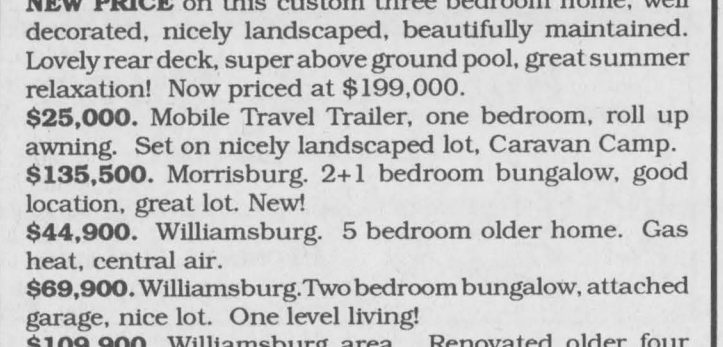

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Gary McInnis for many years and more recently Bob Van Noppen, Cindy Wolfe and staff at Autopro for lending mechanical expertise accommodating an ever expanding customer base. Quality people I will miss dealing with on a daily basis. Although we are all in the automotive industry, I've always maintained "It's not about cars, it's all about people".

To two wonderful daughters and an understanding wife of 27 years who readily accepted the long hours and dedication required by the automobile business.

And finally I'd like to thank my Dad for many insightful lessons in business, always preaching a strong work ethic and for igniting an entrepreneurial desire; and my Mom, God bless her, for her relentless teachings on honesty, fairness, and respect for others and for suggesting I "try to do what I enjoy so I will enjoy what I do."

And to them both for always displaying strong family values and for raising my brother and myself in a home full of love and encouragement.

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Seaway Valley Singers in concert

The Seaway Valley Singers spring concert to be performed at 8:00 p.m. Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5 at the Upper Canada Playhouse will be a fundraiser for the benefit of the Playhouse.

Established in 1993, the Singers purpose is to provide the opportunity to learn, sing, enjoy and perform choral music for their own aesthetic enhancement and for the entertainment of the general public.

With the help of a grant from the Trillium Foundation, the choir recently embarked on a new and different path which has put into an expansion mode-with the employment of a paid choral director, a paid accompanist, new music for a rather meagre library, better concert marketing, recruitment of new members and a deliberate emphasis on concerts for other non-profit organizations as fundraisers for them.

The concert will be in two parts and will present music for all tastes. The major work will be Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta **"Trial By Jury".**

"Trial By Jury" is a satire of the British judicial system. Edwin, tiring of his sweetheart Angelina, falls in love with another and Angelina takes him to court for breach of promise. At the opening of the operetta, the usher who demands impartiality of the jury definitely favours the plaintiff Angelina.

Edwin explains that he simply fell in love with another women, and both judge and jury, while they have all experienced the same thing; have little sympathy for Edwin. Angelina' appearance in court captivates all of the men present.

Edwin proposes various solutions; but in vain. He offers to marry Angelina if he can marry his sweetheart later, but her lawyer objects. Edwin says that when he is drunk, he would beat Angelina; at which the judge proposes they get him drunk and see what would happen. Again her lawyer objects. Finally the judge, a little tipsy, and anxious to get away decides to marry Angelina himself.

After a brief intermission, the concert will feature a Ceilidh, showcasing the Singers with a variety of songs. Featured will be the full ensemble, a solosits, a mother-daughter quartet, ladies and men's barbershop, Renaissance Voyces revived and the audience.

The choral director is Alex Thomson and the performance accompanist is Christine Hickey.

Gary Postma has been the rehearsal accompanist and Stephen Kenward Jr. rehearsed the Renaissance Revisited and the B# Barbershop.

Tickets for the concert, available from choir members or Upper Canada Playhouse at 543-3713 are $15 and are all general admission.

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Nationview Nugget

by Dana Kittle, Samm Azmier, Nissa Bergin and Eric Duncan

Throughout next week, Nationview will be busy as we will celebrate Education Week. On Tuesday morning Staff and Students will be taking part in our annual Community Breakfast. Also on Tuesday, we will be having our annual Talent Show. We look forward to seeing and enjoying everyone's talents. Then on Thursday it is the most fun day ever at Nationview...Walk-A-Thon Day. And speaking of Walk-A-thon, this past week an assembly was held in the gym. Students will be canvassing for pledges throughout the week. If you are able, please support this great cause as it is our only major fundraiser of the entire year. Last year, our school raised over $15,-000 and we hope to surpass this amount this time.

This past week as well, the Grade 8 graduation photos were taken. Students will be anticipating the finished products.

On the weekend of April 21, Nationview held its second movie weekend of the year. It was a resounding success, with movies playing like, "Vertical Limit," "Cast Away," and "Dude, Where's My Car?" School Council is aiming for another weekend this June which could possibly include..."Miss Congeniality."

Student Council has organized an upcoming Video Dance. It will be held on May 22 from 12:30 to 3pm. We have only ONE video dance a year, so students are getting excited!!

Seven Grade 8 selected students will be attending mini-enrichment courses at Carleton and Ottawa Universities this week. We hope they enjoy it!

Congratulations to those students who participated in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Basketball competition. Several students were honoured with plaques for doing so well in their age category. Thanks to Knights of Columbus for hosting this event.

Until next time.

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Note: From the Cardinal Navy League- Thanks Matt for a wonderful summary of life as a Cadet. Cardinal Sea Cadets (R.C-.S.C.C. Defiant) meet for regular training every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 9:30pm at the Cardinal Resource Centre (Walter Baker Centre), and anyone 12-18 years old is welcome to join.

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Matilda W.I. welcomes new members

On April 9, the Matilda Women's Institute held their annual potluck at which time the election of officers for the coming year was also held. The slate follows: Joyce Gower-President, Grace Kolff-Secretary/Treasurer, Betty McGinn-Public Relations Officer. Branch Directors include: Elsie Knight and Coral Geurkink while the District Director is Evelyn Coleman. Susan McMillen is Program Co-Ordinator, Jesse Geurkink-Flower Committee and Hennie Zandbergen-Travel Fund. The Nominating Committee consists of Hennie Zandbergen and Jesse Geurkink, while Doreen Empey and Evelyn Whitteker will handle the Financial Review. Tweedsmeir History Directors are Evelyn Coleman, Doreen Empey and Johanna Westervelt. The Kitchen Committee this year will be run by Agnes VanDodewaard and Susan McMillen. Good luck to all in the coming year!

On April 25, members of the Matilda Women's Institute met at the Brinston Hall to formulate their new monthly programs for the upcoming year.

The District Annual for the Women's institute will be hosted at Park Lane Senior Centre in Williamsburg, on Tuesday, May 8. Registration is at 9am and the cost is $10 pp. Delegates to the Annual are Joyce Gower, Evelyn Coleman and Coral Geurkink.

Also mentioned during the meeting was that CHEO is seeking people to knit bonnets, booties and blankets for the preemies.

We are fortunate to welcome five new members to our Branch.

The Womens' Institute meets once a month and visitors and new members are always welcome. Come and join us, its an informative, fun evening. Snacks are provided and there is always loads of laughter!

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Poison Prevention

Spring. That beautiful time of year enjoyed by humans and their animal companions. Spring brings warmer temperatures, pleasant breezes, the return of birds who went south for the winter, flowers emerging from the soil and trees coming into leaf.

Unfortunately, as with many things you have to take the good with the bad. Spring also brings with it exposure to thousands of toxic substances and poisonous plants.

To protect your pets and other animals, you should become familiar with "springtime poisons" and when possible, opt for safe alternatives to these toxic substances.

Pesticide Use & Other Toxic Chemicals



Toxic chemicals "dumped" on lawns and gardens to combat harmless weeds and bugs are putting our health at risk. And if these toxic substances are harmful to us, chances are they are harmful to pets and other animals that are exposed to them.

In fact, children and pets may be more at risk as they often play on lawns and in gardens that have been sprayed with harmful chemicals.

When it comes to protecting our families, pets, other animals and the Earth from pesticides, herbicides and other toxic chemicals, the solution is a simple one - don't use them! There is nothing wrong with some dandelions on a lawn, but there is with a "dandelion-free" lawn covered in chemicals used to rid the property of these beneficial plants.

Rodenticides

Rodenticides are also responsible for harming and killing both target and non-target animals. These are most often found in garages or in barns in rural settings.

Even if these products are kept in a safe container far from your animal's reach, a dog or cat can easily be poisoned by eating a rodent that has consumed a rodenticed.

As with many things prevention is the best way to deal with problems involving mice and other small animals. Ensure that your house, garage and other buildings are effectively wildlife-proofed and kept in good repair.

If you find yourself in a situation where you have to remove a mouse from the house you might want to consider using a humane live trap. Traps should be checked frequently and trapped mice released in an appropriate area.

Be Ready

Since there are many toxic substances that can be poisonous to pets, there are also many symptoms that an affected animal may exhibit. Some common signs that may indicate that a pet has ingested, inhaled or absorbed through the skin a toxic substance include the following: vomiting, diarrhea, incoordination, convulsions, breathing difficulties, collapse and death.

If you suspect that your pet has been poisoned you must act quickly and responsibly. Contact your veterinarian immediately for advice.

Try to have an idea of the toxic substance that the animal came into contact with along with a rough idea of the amount ingested, inhaled or absorbed and the time of the poisoning.

Prevention

When it comes to averting tragedy involving pets and poisonous substances, prevention is the best measure. Most poisonous substances are not necessary. Your lawn does not need toxic herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers and the plants in and around your home should not be toxic to animals.

Toxic substances that are necessary should be locked safely away when not in use and immediately and thoroughly cleaned up if split. For other items, such as poisonous plants off of your property, try to ensure that these toxic substances are inaccessible to your pets.



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Water, sewer rates set for 40% hike in June

by Nelson Zandbergen

Water and sewer rates in Morrisburg and Iroquois are set to jump 40 percent in June after council clearly signalled its resolve to boost the charges this year.

Council has not yet voted on a bylaw authorizing the increase, but the intent was clear at Thursday's meeting.

The proposed increase would increase the combined monthly fee for water and sewer service to $31.50, up from $22.50. That would bring the total yearly residential rate to $378, a $108 increase.

And more increases are inevitably coming down the pipe once new water treatment facilities begin operating in 2002. Recent projections show a requirement for approximately $400 a year per household to operate new facilities.

"It's a tough decision," commented Councillor Cam Martel, who pointed out that rates in the villages are below the provincial average.

"That's the problem," said Councillor Rowdy Gillard, "they haven't increased and now they're playing catch up.

Said Councillor Bill Ewing, "I say take the hit right now."

The proposed bylaw would also see commercial customers in Morrisburg begin to pay based on metered usage. Meters were installed last year, but the businesses are still being charged on a flat-rate system.

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SD&G ... So we said we'll go with Nortel electronics, and of course, they weren't stock on the shelf.

"We probably lost another 60 days on that."

Difficulty in wooing Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to get on board with the network was also underestimated, Brister admitted.

It's a bit of a catch-22. No ISPs, no established network. No established network, no ISPs.

In fact, Prophet Technologies, which designed and consulted on the system, has had to take on the role as the first and only ISP to set up shop so far. The Kanata-based firm, which recently opened an office in the old Hydro building in Morrisburg, will buy internet access through UUNET and resell it to local customers. At least initially, then, a customer of the township's new system is, by default, a customer of Prophet Technologies.

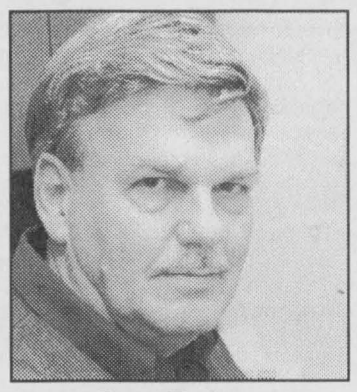
"The municipality isn't an ISP. All they own is the pipe; they are the carrier. We suspect that once things get going, there'll be multiple ISPs in town," he said, adding he would welcome other ISPs "with open arms."

Jobs, economic development, competition

With almost evangelistic zeal, Brister hones in, again and again, on the message that money spent on the network shouldn't be seen in terms of return on investment in the traditional sense. Rather, $550,000 spent from hydro reserves was simply the transformation of one public asset into another, he says, with the payoff being economic development and jobs in the community.

"What we've told the community is count your jobs as of Jan. 1, and we'll come back one year from now on Jan. 1, and we'll do another count and see if there's more jobs or not; and if you have more jobs, we're going to take credit for it."

Added Brister, "That sounds



Roy Brister

kind of pompous. But in fact, because the area has had 10 or 12 years of negative growth, if there are new jobs coming to the area, and (the network) is the only physical change, well, what else has changed?"

Ultimately, though, the prominent entrepreneur, well-known as the face of the Brister Insurance chain, said he didn't care why new businesses would relocate here, just as long as do.

By the end of the year, he predicted, "I bet over 40" new jobs would come to the area as a result of the project.

As for potential broadband competitors in the form of cable modem providers and wireless providers, Brister says let a thousand flowers bloom. "I consider them part of the solution."

A couple of competing ISPs began offering cable modems on Regional Cablesystems' network late last year. One of them, Storm Internet, also delivers wireless broadband service in the Winchester area.

"Our goal is to bring affordable and available connectivity to the residents of South Dundas. And by doing that, if it causes competitors to get off their butt and say, 'Hey, I better get down there and do something," I consider that we've accomplished our goals," he said.

In any event, the fibre system offered in South Dundas offers the most desirable kind connectivition, according to Brister.

Price-wise, the cheapest one-megabit package offered by the South Dundas system, depending on the number of computers an establishment puts online, has been going for as low as $119 per month, plus GST — "exceptionally good prices" in Brister's words.

"We are job driven, not profit driven," he said, emphasizing the community-benefit theme.

What about the Internet bust?

The actual arrival of broadband competitors is not the only change that has occurred since Brister first pitched South Dundas Council on the network idea almost a year ago — namely the spectacular stock price collapse in the tech sector and dot com stocks in particular.

Brister remains optimistic, however. "It'll be a very valuable asset in the not-to-distant future," he said, confident the township could always get its money back in a sale.

Given the opportunity, he later added, he would personally buy the network "in a heartbeat" for what it cost to build because he considers its actual value to be $1.5 million.

Project phases

Phase one, cabling Morrisburg and Iroquois, has essentially been completed. Phase two, the wireless connection of Morrisburg, Iroquois and Williamsburg, is currently underway. Completion of the final leg to Williamsburg, including the installation of a freestanding tower at the municipal office, is expected this month.

Because other firms are planning to run fibre between Morrisburg, Iroquois and Williamsburg, the committee hopes to buy bandwidth on those cables, thus freeing up the wireless system linking the villages. That could happen as early as this fall or next spring, Brister said.

In phase four, the wireless system would be put to use as a dedicated wireless internet service for rural parts of South Dundas.

Brister also happens to own the largest wireless Local Area Network in Canada, a high-speed system connecting the computers at Brister's five eastern Ontario offices. He says it would be possible for potential customers outside of South Dundas to uplink into his system as a connection point into the high-speed internet service in Morrisburg.

Need for speed

Cynthia Charette's business is desktop publishing, including a couple of contracts requiring a lot of research and communicating via the Internet.

For precisely that reason, the Mont-RÔS Consulting Corporation president relocated her firm to Morrisburg from Cornwall in early April.

"The speed is better than I get with Sympatico with a cable modem," Charette said Friday, seated at a desk in her office located in the former Morrisburg Hydro building. "Even in Cornwall, you can't get personalized service like this."

Charette and her fiancé have personally moved to Morrisburg as well. In addition to the quality of life, the availability of broadband fibre connectivity was a major factor in the decision.

Her company employs one other person and specializes in creating reports for distant and overseas mutual fund companies. "One client has a server in Toronto," she said, noting an example closer to home.

"There's a lot of opportunities for Canadians doing offshore work for mutual fund companies.

Charette added that her Internet niche also involves coordinating the translation of web pages into a variety of languages, commenting, "I'm kind of a middleman."

She hopes to expand her services into website hosting.

Morrisburg's newest information-savvy business — exactly the type of firm the township hopes to snag in increasing numbers because of its fibre-op[illegible] network — also offers short-[illegible] printing and binding on the premises.

Across town at the Coldwell Banker real estate office, proprietor Andy Bowers marvels at the increased productivity possible when those web pages snap to the screen like lightening.

He and Linda Bowers — his wife and business partner — spend hours a day surfing four major real estate web pages.

"For us, the concept of spending that much on Internet access was almost scary," he said.

Their fee is now $119 a month. But they were among the early sign-ups who got involved before they had any idea of what the costs would be.

Added Bowers, "We still felt very strongly that our industry is so driven by the Internet that we had to do this."

The high-speed connection is "phenomenal," he said.

When they started four years ago, all of their business involved contacts initiated by sellers. But now, fully half of their business comes from buyers — or "buyer agency" as it's called in the industry.

Finding homes, rather than just selling them, requires a lot of research on the Internet.

And perhaps in a harbinger of things to come, last year they sold a property on Ault Island to a Norwegian couple, with all communication and transactions taking place on the Internet.

Bowers said his construction firm, A. J. Bowers Limited, has taken an active role in bringing the fibre project to fruition, by providing on-site help and materials at cost.

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